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# Newsletter

Dear Parents

Despite the weather, our children have enjoyed another fun-packed week of the Summer term and there have been many opportunities for individual children to explore a range of new experiences. On Tuesday, the drumming workshops gave Y4 the chance to build on their Music experience with Mr Stoeser and to develop new skills in rhythm and percussion. The performance to parents at the end of the afternoon showed great teamwork, as well as huge enjoyment and pride in their achievements.

Teamwork has been much in evidence this week. On Wednesday, our tennis team competed in a local competition, while on Thursday, our netball team played against another local school. It was lovely to see the school facilities being used so well on Thursday evening, with athletics, netball and tennis after-school clubs all enjoying the rare sunshine. Our thanks go to the many staff who have given up their time all year to coach and support all the different sports teams, organise matches and facilitate travel to and from competitions. There is a great deal of organisation involved and it is clear that the children benefit a great deal from these experiences. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support and cheer on their children! Watching the netball team in their last match this season, it was evident how much their skills have improved over the year and how much they enjoy the experience.

Also on Thursday, Reception hosted their "International Food Afternoon." Once again, they were well supported by parents who both provided a range of delicious international foods and supported with serving the children as they sampled their way around the world! It was great to hear the children discussing the foods they had tried and what they had enjoyed! Popcorn and vol au vents both seemed to be a big hit, but there was a whole range of opportunities for children to try different foods and they were certainly keen to go back for more! Thank you to all the parents who contributed.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Y6 also had a new experience this week – their mock SATS week! Although they probably wouldn't describe it as fun-packed, they stayed calm, worked hard and did themselves and their teachers proud in their practice tests. It is testament to the hard work of staff and children that the week went very smoothly and the children all performed to the best of their ability. I'm sure they are looking forward to a bit of downtime this weekend, but it means they can approach the actual SATS week with calm confidence. Well done Year 6!

All best wishes for the weekend.

Catherine Burnham

**ROYAL WEDDING LUNCH—FRIDAY 18 MAY**

As part of our Royal Wedding Themed Afternoon on 18 May, there will be a special lunch (see copy of menu attached). If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have this instead, please pay £2.25 online by Wednesday 2 May.

**RECEPTION GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS** are now available to see outside the school office. If you would like a copy please pay £15.50 online and once payment is received your photo will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

**SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION**

Following the success of last year's sunflower competition, we are again grateful to Savill's Estate Agents for donating packets of seeds for children to grow over the summer. Now is the ideal time to plant the seeds and we ask that families take photographs so the tallest sunflower can be judged in September. Thank you.

**SURREY YOUTH GAMES—23/24 JUNE**

The Surrey Youth Games are for young people aged 7-16 who want to get active, have fun and try something new. After registration, children will receive free, quality coaching and have the chance to represent their local authority in an exciting Olympic-style competition. Sports include badminton, hockey, netball, squash, tennis and judo. To find out more, including how to register, please look here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlwosX7BJLE> and [www.activesurrey.com/SYG](http://www.activesurrey.com/SYG)

**DOGS AT SCHOOL GATES**

Following our recent newsletter request that dogs be tied up well away from the playground gates, unfortunately this week there have been up to 5 dogs tied to the railing there. This causes a major obstruction for parents and children trying to leave and walk along the pavement. Please can we ask parents to be considerate when bringing a dog to school and to please keep the school gates clear. Thank you.

**REQUEST FOR TOYS FOR OUTSIDE AREA**

Our outdoor lunchtime club would be very grateful for any donations of suitable toys especially dolls and their accessories (clothing etc). Other outdoor toys such as giant Jenga would be also be much appreciated. Thank you.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Please come along and support Little Saints, the baby and toddler group attached to All Saints Catholic Church in Hersham. It's on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11.30 am in the All Saints church hall. Also, we urgently need volunteers so the toddler group can continue to run in September. If anyone can help, please contact Debs, Charlotte or Helen: Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/littlesaintshersham/> or email: [Littlesaintshersham@gmail.com](mailto:Littlesaintshersham@gmail.com). Thank you.

**PA NEWS** There is a Year 3 Cake Sale after school today.

Year 5 are currently organising the **FUN RUN to be held on Friday 18 May** after school. Tickets can be bought via Classlist.

**Race Night:** Total raised £736.42. Big thanks to Year 4 reps and volunteers for organising and helping at this successful event.